

Sussex County Electoral Board
March 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Sussex County Electoral Board was called to order at 9:15 a.m. in the General Registrar's Office.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

The purpose of this meeting was to elect Electoral Board members to their respective positions.

ROLL CALL:

Glover W. Pegram, Vice Chair

Kathryn Braswell, Secretary

William R. Jenkins, General Registrar

AGENDA:

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Meeting Minutes.** Ms. Braswell, Mr. Pegram and Mr. Jenkins reviewed the minutes. Ms. Braswell moved and Mr. Pegram seconded that the February 2019 meeting minutes be approved with the deletion of the bullet point on Safety and Security. Repairs to the Office of the Registrar are handled by the Sussex County Board of Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Electoral Board. Electoral Board member John Sutton retired. Ms. Kathryn Braswell of Wakefield was appointed to the Electoral Board. She replaces Mr. Sutton as the Republican member of the board.

Mr. Ronald W. Hicks Sr. was unable to attend the meeting but Ms. Braswell and Mr. Pegram spoke with him about the elections. Mr. Jenkins asked for a motion from the floor to elect current Electoral Board members to their respective positions. Ms. Braswell put a motion forth for the following proposal: Mr. Ronald W. Hicks Sr., chairman; Mr. Pegram, vice chairman; and Ms. Braswell, secretary.

Upcoming Elections. Mr. Jenkins advised the Electoral Board that the primary may be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. On Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019, elections will be held for:

- Sheriff
- Commonwealth Attorney
- Commissioner of Revenue
- Treasurer
- Board of Supervisors
- Tie Breaker
- School Board
- House 64
- House 75

The State Department of Elections will notify the Sussex County Registrar if a primary will be held.

Keith Blowe of Stony Creek has an opponent in his race for Board of Supervisors. Debbie Parham Jones is running for his seat. She has submitted signatures for positions and other paperwork to run in the election.

Officers of Election. Mr. Jenkins put out a call for poll workers. Mr. Pegram asked where officers of election were needed. Mr. Jenkins replied he needs poll workers for all areas, especially Little Mill precinct.

Mr. Jenkins said he would contact Mike Reed, government teacher at Sussex Central High School, to see if he could get student volunteers for the polls. Ms. Braswell asked what the age for poll workers should be. Mr. Jenkins said student poll workers should be 18 years of age. Three Sussex Central students worked the polls last year.

Mr. Jenkins said giving high school students the opportunity to work at the polls in their home county does two things. Students register to vote in Sussex County. Student volunteers may be able to work where they are registered to vote.

- **Room Tour.** Mr. Jenkins gave Mr. Pegram and Ms. Braswell a tour of the room to be used for early voting. He told them he was accepting bids for renovating the room.
- **Meals Tax.** Mr. Jenkins said a meals tax may be a referendum in Sussex County in the November election.
- **Voting Site.** The Sussex County Board of Supervisors needs to approve the Sussex Housing Building as the official polling place for the Town of Waverly. While this location has been the location in past elections, it needs to be formally approved by the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Braswell suggested that Mr. Jenkins appear before the Board of Supervisors to make the request. Mr. Pegram seconded it. Mr. Jenkins asked Electoral Board members to attend that Board of Supervisors meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: 9 a.m. Monday, May 20

Ronald W. Hicks Sr.

Glover W. Pegram

Kathryn Braswell